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FOR OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN AV HA
SUBJ: HAITI INTERCONTINENTAL AIRLINES REQUEST FOR OPIC FINANCING

REF: STATE 115357

1. CAPTAIN WENDELL LEVISTER HAS BEEN SEEKING USG FINANCING AND SUPPORT FOR HIS AIRLINE PROJECT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WHEN HE LAST DISCUSSED THE PROJECT WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, HAITI INTERCONTINENTAL HAD NO AIRPLANES, NO ROUTE AUTHORITY, AND NO FINANCING. UNTIL IT HAS ALLTHREE IT WILL BE AN AIRLINE IN NAME ONLY.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS
TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 REFTTEL:

A. THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY 9 THAT HAITI INTERCONTINENTAL HAS NO OPERATING RIGHTS.

B. THE GOH WOULD HAVE TO DESIGNATE HAITI INTERCONTINENTAL AIRLINES A NATIONAL CARRIER AND OBTAIN OPERATING RIGHTS FOR IT ON ROUTES TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES BEFORE AIRLINE SERVICES COULD BEGIN.

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D. THE GGB IS NOT LIKELY TO GRANT HAITI INTERCONTINENTAL OPERATING PERMITS OR SEEK INTERNATIONAL ROUTES FOR IT.

D. CAPTAIN LEVISTER'S AIRLINE HAD EARNED CONSIDERABLE

MERIT AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE GOH IN
1974 AND EARLY 1975. LAST FALL, THE GOH PURCHASED 58 PER
CENT OF AIR HAITI, IS CONSIDERING WAYS TO INITIATE INTERNA-
TIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE WITH AIR HAITI, AND IS NOT LIKELY
TO SUPPORT FOREIGN-OWNED HAITI INTERCONL RENTAL IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.
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